

Shame on this White House and on everyone who stands with them. Shame on our country if we let this continue.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN).

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Madam Speaker, this is what it has come to. We stand here in the well of the House appealing to—in a sense, begging—the President to acknowledge the undeniable truth, the undeniable truth that this is a crisis that he can end with the stroke of a pen. This is a crisis that he has created, and it is a crisis that he can eliminate.

The undeniable truth is that, if a President can see these babies crying and pleading for their parents—momma, father, papa—if the President can see this and not take action, his heart has hardened to the extent that he is unfit to be President.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, our Nation is mourning. Our Nation is crying out to save our little children, save our babies.

History will not be kind to us as a nation and as a people if we continue to go down this road. We must stop the madness, and stop it now.

There was a man by the name of A. Philip Randolph, who was the dean of Black leadership during the sixties when we were planning the March on Washington. He kept saying: “Maybe our foremothers and our forefathers all came to this great land in different ships, but we’re all in the same boat now.”

Our little children, our babies, our young people, are crying out for help. We need help from Members of Congress. We can do better.

#### ARTISTS ADVOCATING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of several young people in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who are advocating for environmental protection using their artistic talents.

Recently, the Countryside Gallery in Newtown featured an exhibit, titled, “One Planet: Wildlife Vulnerable to Climate Change.” This exhibit gave students, under the guidance of artist Bonnie Porter, the ability to share their wildlife paintings in an effort to spread awareness of the threat of climate change. I am proud to recognize them now:

Amelia Binkley, Bella Cacciatore, Allison Cirillo, Victoria Cirillo, Taylor Dahms, Amanda Gardner, Olivia Kelly, Brady Klein, Addison Kohler, Emily LaPlante, Kate Logan, Jessica Martin, Nicole Mercora, Grace Porter, Olivia Ralston, Nolan Riesenberger, Chris Riether, Violet Schroeder, Gabi Smith,

Abby Steadman, Erin Stone, Katie Sukunda, Ella Walsh, and Anna Williamson.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the activism, thoughtfulness, and impressive artistic abilities of these young citizens. I am proud to stand with them and will continue to fight with my colleagues to combat climate change and protect our environment.

#### RECOGNIZING BUCKS COUNTY OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two outstanding law enforcement officials in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who are working tirelessly to make our community a safer place. Assistant District Attorney Megan Brooks and Deputy District Attorney Kristen McElroy were selected by fellow prosecutors in honor of their public service in pursuit of justice.

Megan received the Danny E. Khalouf Memorial Award for Outstanding Performance. Described as a rising star, Megan works for the Youthful Offender program and the Special Victims Unit.

Kristen received the Robert Rosner Memorial Award for Exceptional Service, Professionalism and Integrity. Known for her unparalleled work ethic, Kristen is the chief of the Special Victims Unit for adult sex crimes and directs the internship program.

I commend these fine public servants for their dedication to law, to safety, and to protecting our community.

I applaud District Attorney Matt Weintraub for leading such a fine team of attorneys that work tirelessly on behalf of all of us in Bucks County.

#### POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, June is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, and I would like to take this time to recognize an organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that works to rehabilitate heroes who struggle with this illness.

Since 2014, Shamrock Reins in Pipersville has offered equine therapy to help veterans and first responders recover from PTSD.

Founded by Janet Brennan, a registered nurse whose father served in the Vietnam war, Shamrock Reins uses a range of equine services, including riding therapy, to help assimilate our servicemen and -women back into society following their tours of duty.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I am continually in awe of the sacrifices that our soldiers and our first responders make every day. I applaud Janet for her service to our Nation’s heroes, and I encourage all of our constituents to follow her lead. Together, we can defeat PTSD.

#### IMMIGRATION AND CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. As a fa-

ther, as a grandfather, as a human being who cares about children, I ask: For God’s sake, America, what is happening to your soul?

There are 11,000 children who are being held in jail cells throughout the country. Families arriving at the border seeking asylum voluntarily, seeking refuge voluntarily, are being detained, and they are being held in jail. Children as young as the children here today—as young as the children here today—are being held in jail. Babies are being separated from their mothers, even while breastfeeding them. This constitutes child abuse.

Madam Speaker, show some basic compassion for these young children, their brothers and sisters and their parents. Every single Member of Congress should be able to stand behind the simple idea that families, regardless of where they are born, belong together.

I know that Jesus of Nazareth was a refugee, and he paid the ultimate price.

Madam Speaker, this is a historic fight for the soul of our Nation, whether we remain a nation of aspirations or we become a nation of deportation.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, you can hear the babies crying. When I went to the south Texas processing center, places where they were holding children, you could see the cages. You could hear and feel the warmth of Roger that was 9 months old who I held in my hands and who I did not want to let go. I could feel that because Roger’s relatives had been taken from him, and he was crying.

The babies are coming every day. There are 2,000 children who have been snatched from their families. It is child abuse.

Mr. President, you can come to the Republican Conference and make jokes and raise your fist, but you can sign right now on behalf of the American people that you will let these babies go to their families.

Pope Francis said: “A person’s dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity.”

This is a sin. Please, for Carlos and Alajerry, please let our children go to their families.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ).

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, look at these young, innocent faces. I suspect many of these children are seeing the House floor for the very first time.

It is unfortunate that their first experience in this temple of democracy, the people’s House, is to be here as we call our government to stop terrorizing children on the U.S.-Mexico border.

This past weekend, Madam Speaker, I traveled with Leader PELOSI and the